

# It's so a Good Lawyer is Worth Almost as Much as a Pitcher

## NEWS PICKING UP IN ROURKEVILLE

Feevish Bug No Longer Need Fume Over War Dope, but Can Dream of 1915 Hopes.

## ROURKE CAPTURES PLAYERS

In these turbulent days of injunctions, hearings, conferences, summonses, contracts and subpoenas, the base ball bug is prone to eye all activities base ball in disfavor, but the last week has brought about a change or two and the Omaha fan is perking up a bit, ready to strike up the Steve League and start the snow flowing thick and fast.

Last year finished the season with fourteen athletes. Some of these players will be back, others will depart for foreign climes the whereabouts of which is not of vital interest. It has been known that Rourke must obtain several new players, but despite frantic searches and investigations nothing could be learned of the gum-shoe work of the crafty Pa.

Picks Up Dick Breen. The first player who comes to Omaha is Dick Breen, late second sacker of the Utica, N. Y. State league club. Mr. Breen is heralded as a considerable key-stone. Reports say he fields a 12 Collins and is rapidly learning to wield the war club in the same manner. He is a youngster in age, but has had sufficient experience to handle the second station like a veteran.

Flinton Whalen, who gobbled up grounders for Harrisburg in the Tri-state circuit, is a new shortstop. Whalen is said to be a flashy double who takes a keen delight in starting double plays around second, and is also reputed to be a pinch hitter of ability.

After First Sacker. Rourke is declared to have negotiations on for George Boyle of Allentown, Pa. The Philadelphia Nationals want Boyle to try for the first sack on their team, but Boyle doesn't feel inclined that way. He has a grouch on Philadelphia, as he reported there last fall only to receive no opportunity to show his worth. Pat Moran is working hard to convince Omaha fans that he will get a good trial with the Phillies this spring and that is enough to satisfy Omaha fans that he is the man for first base for this town.

New Battery a Beast. Omaha has procured a mighty nifty battery in Tom Blodgett and Frank Asklund, say Central association critics. That duo was purchased from Jay Andrews of Waterloo at a price said to be \$1,000, which is considerable price in these times. Andrews boasts Blodgett to the skies. He declares the lad has as much stuff as Jack Pfeister had in his best days. If such is the case a few Western league batters will grope, while Omaha fans will gurggle their delight. Blodgett won station frays last year and dropped only five, which is not so bad. Blodgett is six feet in the air and weighs 175 pounds. Asklund is said to be as promising a catcher as Blodgett is a pitcher.

The outfield should be among the best in the circuit with Artie Thomason, Joe Bell and Marty Krug. Krug is said to be slated for managerial reins, and if such is the case it looks on the surface as if he has made a wise move. Krug is a good, steady player and he should make as good and heady a manager.

Payne May Be at Third. With Boyle, Breen and Whalen in the infield, and with plenty of men to choose from for a selection of an athlete to occupy the hot corner at third, the Rourke inner works look pretty good on paper. Doc Payne, of course, will be back to take a crack at third and Doc may be able to handle the job with success.

Has Three Catchers. Behind the bat Rourke still has Ernie Krueger and Doc Seabright, in addition to Asklund. Seabright is an old hand, while Krueger is an ambitious youth who can hit.

Sam Huntley Only Omaha Shooter in 2,000-Shot Record. But one Omaha trap shooter shot over 2,000 registered targets during the year 1914, according to the records just issued. That Omaha was Sam A. Huntley, acknowledged one of the best amateurs in the game, and Huntley made up for the deficiencies of the other Omaha trappers by shooting the largest number of rocks of any trap shooter in the country.

Huntley shot at 7,500 rocks and broke 7,546, giving him second place in the records. No other amateur shot over 5,000 rocks. One professional approached Huntley's record. He is W. R. Crosby of O'Fallon, Ill., who shot at 7,500.

Of course, many Nebraska shooters, including a number of Omahans, shot at over 2,000 rocks, but they were not registered with the national association. Huntley broke more than 7,500 including those which were not registered.

Huntley is now at Pinehurst, participating in the big midwinter shoot there. Omaha trappers are so confident of Huntley's prowess that they believe he will win top money, not just in the money, but with the very first prize, which shows that the Omaha men consider Huntley considerable of a trap shooter.

## CAPTAIN OF THE TOWNSEND BASE-BALL TEAM



LESLIE BURKENRODE

## BASE BALL TOUR TO FRISCO

Ray McCabe and Rex Goodale Plan to Organize Base Ball Team for Trip in Spring.

TO PLAY IN TOWNS ENROUTE. Ray McCabe, a student in the Creighton College of Pharmacy, and Rex Goodale have a plan on foot to organize a base ball team composed of Omaha amateur players and semi-pros next spring and make a cross-country tour to the San Francisco fair. The two boys intend to play games with town teams and the like in the cities and towns along the route to the coast.

The contemplated plan is the result of an idea that came to the effect that various basket ball teams of the east are traveling to the exposition, defraying their expenses by games with leading quintets of the cities they pass through. The basket ball men have found it easy to book games en route and declare they will easily make expenses. McCabe and Goodale decided that if a basket ball team could make such a trip a success a base ball team could, too.

Travel in Private Car. McCabe and Goodale contemplate taking eleven or twelve men. They believe they will be able to travel in a private car and enjoy the best of everything all of the way. Year before last Sam Slosky, an Omaha University boy, took out a team for a couple of months, playing in Nebraska towns and even going into Colorado, and his venture was a financial success. McCabe and Goodale believe the longer trip would be just as successful.

Uni of Omaha is Looking for All Year Round Coach. A suitable man for an all-year coach is being sought by the athletic board of the University of Omaha. So far in casting about for a mentor the school has been unable to connect with the right candidate. What the athletic board desires is a coach that can handle all branches of athletic activities and one that is not a novice at the game. Since Creighton has secured the services of Tommie Mills, the student body has been urging the board to make an offer to Vic Halligan, last season's Cornhusker star.

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ALBERT CAHN STILL IS STATE BILLIARD CHAMP. Albert Cahn is still the 182 billiard champion of Nebraska. He defeated Harry Symes Friday evening, 300 to 236. The score: Albert Cahn.....W. L. P. Per. Harry Symes.....4 1 1 76 Louis Langer.....3 2 2 59 Herb McCoy.....1 1 1 50 Art Schick.....1 1 1 50 Cahn—3, 3, 2, 4, 2, 4, 2, 5, 0, 1, 7, 1, 0, 7, 1, 0, 9, 10, 11, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 8, 3, 0, 3, 5, 18, 1, 8, 0, 10, 0, 1, 1, 9, 12, 2, 4, 2, 15, 0, 5, 0, 21, 24, 19, 2, 10, 4, 17, 0, 1, 1, 5, 2, 4, 2, 500. Average, 146-12. High runs, 24, 21, 19, 17. Symes—0, 0, 0, 10, 1, 5, 18, 5, 6, 16, 0, 13, 4, 12, 15, 0, 1, 2, 3, 1, 0, 3, 8, 0, 2, 0, 1, 0, 5, 0, 1, 1, 3, 1, 3, 0, 5, 0, 1, 0, 5, 11, 2, 4, 0, 2, 0, 0, 1, 2, 7, 1, 0, 1, 2, 2, 236. Average, 77-12. High runs, 25, 15, 16, 13. Referee, Arthur Seiple.

## SWIMMING PART OF "Y" ATHLETIC MEET

State Championships to Be Held During Third Annual Indoor Athletic Tourney.

## HOLD MEET MARCH 19 AND 20

A new feature has been carried as an added attraction to the third annual indoor athletic tournament which is to be held March 19 and 20 under the auspices of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association. A swimming meet to decide the state swimming championship will be a part of the program this year and will be held at the local association's gymnasium the night of January 20.

Swimming tournaments have been held before in Omaha, but they have always been more or less local events. It is the intention of the "Y" officials to stage a real state championship affair this year and, as there are many very expert swimmers in upstate towns as well as in Omaha, some excellent exhibitions are promised.

Carnival at Auditorium. The athletic and gymnastic events will be held March 19 at the Auditorium. They will be so numerous of such extent that the tournament this year could be called a carnival. All manner of open competitions will be listed. Everybody in the state, who can prove an amateur standing, will be eligible to participate.

Cup for Gymnasts. Gymnastic events, including work on the parallel bars, horizontal bar and the side-horse, will constitute a part of the program. For the team making the most points in the gymnastics, a silver cup will be given as a prize in addition to medals for individual winners.

A silver cup will also be given the team scoring the most points in the swimming events, making three silver cups in all. Just 100 medals will be given to winners in individual events. Gold medals will go to winners in open events, silver medals to winners of second place and bronze medals to winners of third place.

Maxwell's Last Effort. J. Truitt Maxwell, who retires as physical director of the Young Men's Christian association on April 1, will superintend the meet. It will be his last effort in managing big athletic events and he promises he will surpass every other previous endeavor. He will be assisted by the two assistant physical directors, R. A. Leake and Roy Swan. The schedule of events is as follows:

- 40 yard dash—open.
- 40 yard dash—Junior, boys under 15 years of age.
- 40 yard run—open.
- 80 yard run—open.
- Running high jump—open.
- Two mile team race—two men.
- Grade school relay race—two divisions based on size of schools.
- 40 yards—four boys to team.
- Church relay race—40 yards.
- Potato relay race—40 yards.
- Young Men's Christian Association Men's Classes.
- Obstacle race—Boy's hero league.
- Business house relay race—40 yards.
- Night school relay race—40 yards.
- Letter carriers' relay race—walk 280 yards carrying sack.
- Half mile relay race for Y. M. C. A. championship of Nebraska.
- Half mile relay race for high school championship of Nebraska.
- Gymnastic championship—work on horizontal bar, parallel bars and side-horse.
- Basket ball, volley ball games and massed callisthenics.
- Swimming Events.
- 40 yard swim—open.
- 40 yard swim—Junior.
- 100 yard swim—open.
- 40 yard swim—open.
- 40 yard back stroke swim—open.
- Diving competition.
- 100 yard relay swim—open. Four men, silver medal to each man.

# SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 17, 1915.

## Storz Bowlers Who Have Figured in Many Tournament Triumphs



From Left to Right, Upper Panel—M. Martin, E. Terrell, K. Seiple. Lower Panel—F. Fanton, F. Conrad, C. Cochran.

## JESS WILLARD TO SHOW HERE FRIDAY

White Hope Who Battles Johnson to Exhibit at Krug Theater on Friday Night.

## HUSSANE AND STECHER TO MIX

Mr. Jess Willard, the ambitious white hope, who has aspirations of knocking Mr. Jack Johnson, the well known Frenchman, from Juarez to Buenos Aires when they meet in the former place in March, has granted Omaha pugilistic fans a very great favor. Jess has consented to give a little exhibition here Friday evening at the Krug theater and he declares Omaha will be the only city, outside of Excelsior Springs, where he is in training, to see him work out in preparation for his big mix.

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## TRIPLE A MEETS WEDNESDAY

Committee of Whole to Consider Purchase of Equipment for Armory Gymnasium.

## MEMBERSHIP ROLLS INCREASE

A meeting of the members of the new Amateur Athletic association of Omaha, sitting as a committee of the whole, will be held Wednesday evening to consider the purchase of apparatus and equipment for the armory, when the association takes over that building for a gymnasium, February 1.

## Many Charter Members

The membership in the association, up to date, is very pleasing to the promoters of the venture and they have decided to close the application list for charter memberships on January 23. Thus all who desire to be charter members of the new athletic club must hand in their applications by that day. The membership committee has become more and more sanguine of success during the last few days as applications have been coming in thick and fast and it is predicted that by February 1 some 500 will be on the rolls.

## Chance for Stecher

Omaha fans would like to see Stecher and the Turk work. Stecher is the coming boy, Nebraskaans think, and they believe he can trim Hussane. If he accepts Franke's offer and does throw Hussane it will be a big feather in the cap of the Nebraska boy.

## Collins Has High Average

Eddie Collins' batting average for eight years with the Athletics averaged .33. His highest was .384 in 1912, and his poorest work was done in his second year out, when he hit for .273.

## OMAHA AUTO SHOW BIGGER THAN EVER

Such is Feeling of Directors and Officers Due to Early Interest Taken.

## EXHIBIT MANY INNOVATIONS

That the 1915 Omaha Automobile show, which opens at the Auditorium Monday, February 15, will be by far the largest and best ever staged in the city, is indicated by the early interest taken in the event and the promise of much that is new and interesting, showing the development of the automobile industry in the last year.

## Large Army of Small Cars

There will be a great array of small cars, ranging in price from \$250 to \$1,000. Included in this class are several that are new to Omahans and many of the well known models are being offered at greatly reduced prices for the season of 1915.

## New Decoration Scheme

Manager Clarke G. Powell has completed preliminary arrangements for the exposition and is now working on the final details which will keep him busy up to the opening day. The territory contiguous to Omaha is being covered with show literature and posters and the show stickers are going to all parts of the country on Omaha mail matter. Mr. Powell promises something distinctly new and novel in decorations for the 1915 show.

## AUTO SHOW NOTES

Manager Powell is urging all dealers to seek to bring their agents and prospects to Omaha to stay through the entire week of the show, to give all ample opportunity to study the 1915 offerings. Practically every well known automobile display, where the motor trucks will be shown.

## O. B. MEN ANSWER FEDERAL CHARGES

Joseph Lannin Declares Ward and Weeghman Sought to Buy Yanks and Cubs.

## GARRY AND BAN TO THE FRONT

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Organized Base Ball, taking today its first inning in its latest conflict with the Federal league, denied through affidavits of its leading representatives that it violates the anti-trust laws; declared its purpose and workings are for the benefit of the ball player, instead of for his injury and charges its accuser with doing some of the very things complained of in the suit.

Emphasis is laid through the amount of evidence presented, on the allegation that though the Federal league considered its rivals as forming a trust and "oppressive" players, none of its most prominent members appeared willing to ally themselves with it. In proof of this, the twenty-four affidavits filed in the federal court here include statements by August Herrmann, Joseph J. Lannin, M. E. Cantillon and Charles Comers, relating to the various proposed plans for peace based on alliances, which some of the Federal magnates, it is said, were more than willing to agree to.

The burden of a general denial of the Federal's charges and the statement of the case in general is left to August Herrmann, as chairman of the National commission. His affidavit, supported by those by D. B. Johnson, president of the American league, and John Heydler, secretary of the National, describes the organization of the professional game and defends, as legal and necessary, the ten-day and reserve clauses in players' contracts.

Never Broke Contract. Charles A. Comiskey, giving his history as a ball player since he entered the professional game at Milwaukee in 1878 at a salary of \$70 a month, declares he never broke a contract and never objected to the ten-day clause in any of the contracts he had signed. He complains of the loss of Hal Chase and Ted Easterly, who left his club for the Federal, and also of the effect that Federal bidding had on the minds of others of the players.

Raids on their clubs for players and negotiations which preceded their "jumping" are told of by Herrmann, Clark Griffith, Somers, Robert Hodgson, W. F. Baker, Barney Dreyfus and Fred Clarke. Portions of the Federal league by-laws are quoted in the affidavit of Steve Cusack, formerly on its staff of umpires, to show that the ten-day clause and the reserve rule are also part of the new league's contract.

That the minor leagues paid to all players, in 1914, \$3,065,359 in salaries is one item of interest in a brief affidavit made out by J. H. Farrell, secretary of the National association.

## Omaha-University Place Game Called Because of Storm

The storm Saturday, which the weather prognosticator refuses to term a blizzard, but merely snow, accompanied by cold and high winds, put the scheduled basket ball game between Omaha High school and the University Place High school on the blink. The University Place youths found themselves imprisoned within their little city by the storm, which blocked railroad traffic. Thus the game was postponed, as was the scheduled conflict between the second high school quintet and the Omaha National team.

## White Sox to Break Camp March Third

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—The Chicago American league base ball club, which will train in Pao, Roebuck, Cal., this year, will break camp on March 3 and start its homeward journey preparatory to opening the season in April. This announcement was made by Secretary Grabner of the White Sox tonight. The players will be separated into two teams, each taking a different course.

The first team will play in Los Angeles on the following days: March 4 to 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, 31 (a. m.); 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 31 (p. m.). It will play in San Francisco, Oakland, March 30 to 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31 (a. m.); San Francisco—4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31 (p. m.). The remainder of the itinerary has not yet been completed.

## MIKE SHEARMAN, FORMER OMAHA PRO, IN SCOTLAND

Jack Canavan, golf professional at the Country club in Sioux City, is wintering in Omaha. Canavan will have charge of the first eighteen-hole course in Sioux City as the Country club there seeded a new course last summer and it will be ready this spring. Mike Shearman, golf professional at the Sioux City Boat club and formerly assistant to W. D. Clark at the Field club in this city, is spending the winter in Scotland, but as yet has not departed to take part in the war over there.

## NO OMAHAN TO NATIONAL AMATEUR BALL MEETING

The Omaha Amateur Base Ball association will not be represented at the annual meeting of the National association, which has been called for Cleveland, January 28. Plans for the base ball season next summer will be discussed and arranged at the national meeting. The board of directors of the Omaha association will hold a meeting within the next week or two and form a few 1915 plans for the local body.

## COAST SHORTSTOP SIGNS WITH FEDERAL LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 15.—Ernest Johnson, shortstop of the Los Angeles base ball team, has signed a three-year contract with the Federal league. It was announced here today. Johnson said he was to play with either the St. Louis or the Chicago club. He came to Los Angeles two years ago from the Chicago Americans.